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News

Happy Birthday Navy

The Navy just celebrated its 227th birthday, Oct. 13. For over two centuries the men and women of the Navy have distinguished themselves through professionalism, dedication and selflessness. Throughout war and peace, America's Sailors exhibit undaunting courage and an unrelenting resolve that contribute immeasurably to the security and stability of our Nation and its allies around the globe. The Sailors carry forward with pride an incredible legacy they have inherited.

Know that Marines everywhere are proud to share and celebrate our Naval heritage. As we prepare to meet the challenges of the future, uncertain as they are, Americans everywhere can take comfort in knowing that the Navy-Marine Corps team has never been stronger. As Marines we are proud to serve side by side with all Sailors in protecting and defending our nation.

New regulations for physical training

The Station Commander Officer has ordered that no running or physical training activities be conducted on Curtis Road between the Marine Corps Exchange (Alpha Road) area and the front gate. This applies to individual runners as well as unit formations.

The high volume of traffic on this road puts runners at risk and increases the chance of vehicle accidents as motorists maneuver to avoid runners.

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'Patriots' fight hard, play hard

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New Special Duty Billet

Just as Marine Corps recruit depots produce basically trained Marines, the Schools of Infantry bring to life the fundamental connection between the Marine and his rifle, and the relationships between Marines that builds trust and reliance among each other.

To ensure that the schools fulfill their mission in the Corps as the center of infantry excellence, quality instructors and leaders will be trained. Therefore, selected billets at the SOI's will be designated as special duty assignments.

Screening criteria will be implemented and a Marine Corps Combat Instructor Course will be established in 2003.

One hundred-fifteen Marines are needed to fill these billets. Promotion opportunities for these SOI billets will be similar to other special duty assignments as well as special duty pay. An adequate clothing allowance will be authorized for this three-year tour and an appropriate service ribbon will be authorized. For more information, see MARADMIN 524/02.

SNCO Wives' Club Membership

The Staff Noncommissioned Officers' Wives' Club will be holding a membership drive, Oct. 27, from 2-5 p.m. at the Station SNCO Club.

The club is involved in many programs that benefit Marines, Sailors and their families, including operating the Thrift Shop and granting scholarships.

For more information, call Sue Seaman at 347-2947.

The National Trails Day
6th Annual 5K Road Race

The National Trails Day 6th Annual 5K Road Race and One Mile Fun Run sponsored by the Jacksonville Trails and Greenways Commission is scheduled for Nov. 2 at the Jacksonville Commons Recreation Complex. Those wishing to participate must fill out a registration form and pay the appropriate entry fee. If received by Oct. 25, the fee for the fun run is \$10 and the fee for the 5K is \$12. If registering after Oct. 25, the fee for the fun run remains the same, however, the entry fee for the 5K is \$15. The One Mile Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K Road Race begins at 9:05 a.m.

For more information, call David Lynch at 938-5307 or visit www.ci.jacksonville.nc.us.

Salute to the Troops

Following the Veteran's Day Parade, Nov. 9, the USO will host a "Salute to the Troops" celebration. Come out and meet the Hooter girls and watch some quality entertainment. Festivities will feature a lot of food and fun. This event is free for active duty and their families and military retirees.

Front page

Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas

A flag football tournament was held at Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 field meet, Oct. 11.

Crime and Punishment

A lance corporal from Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 was tried and convicted by general court-martial, Sept. 23, for violations of Article 81; conspiracy to distribute ecstasy, and Article 112a; wrongful use of ecstasy and distribution of ecstasy. He was given a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 18 months, total forfeiture of pay, and reduction to E-1.

A private from Marine Wing Support Squadron-272 was tried and convicted by general court-martial, Oct. 10, for violations of Article 91; disrespect to a staff noncommissioned officer, and Article 112a; wrongful use of marijuana and ecstasy, and distribution of ecstasy. He was given a bad conduct discharge and confinement for 24 months.

Station Parking Regulations

Pursuant to Air Station Order 5100.12F and the guidance of the MCAS New River commanding officer, active enforcement of proper parking has begun. Vehicles parked in violation of the ASO will be subject to citation and possible towing. For more information, call the Provost Marshal's Office at 449-6113.

Food Recall

Wampler Foods has recently recalled 27.4 million pounds of cooked deli products as a result of possible listeria contamination. The recall is the largest in USDA history. All cooked deli products from May 1 to Oct. 11 are affected by the recall. Each package being recalled bears the plant number P-1351 inside the USDA mark of inspection and a production date. Officials said the discovery was the result of a scientific investigation into the cause of illnesses, deaths and miscarriages in the Northeast from the listeria strain.

3 Doors Down Concert

Tickets now on sale! 3 Doors Down will be in concert at the MCAS New River concert facility, Nov. 2. Gates open at 6 p.m. and concert starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at all Information, Tickets & Tours locations. Tickets are \$12/military, \$15/civilians and \$18 at the gate. For more information, call 449-6530.

Marine Corps Birthday

Joint Tarheel Mustangs, Marine Corps League, former Marine embassy guards birthday celebration will be held at the Air Station Officer's Club, Nov. 6. For more information and reservation requests, call Paul Starzynski at 347-4716 no later than Oct. 31.



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Cpl. Juan Vara

Picking up trash around New River could earn lucky "environmentally-friendly" Marines and Sailors a special 96-hour liberty pass.

Cleaning up could reap reward

Cpl. Juan Vara
correspondent

Sergeant Major Virgil G. Dwyer, Station sergeant major, has been authorized to trash MCAS New River.

In an effort to clean up the Station, the headquarters element has come up with a new plan of action to get Marines into gear.

Dwyer has been picking up trash, tagging it with a sticker, and putting it back where he found it. The sticker asks whoever finds the piece of trash, to report to Station headquarters. Authorized by Col. Dennis T. Bartels, Station commanding officer, Dwyer will grant the individual a 96-hour liberty pass, for their efforts in keeping the Station litter-free. The CO has authorized Dwyer to tag two pieces of trash per week.

"This is to help us beautify the Station," he said. "With past

experiences in other commands I've noticed this as an effective program."

According to Dwyer, no one has found any of the liberty passes out there.

"As part of the Marine way of life, every Marine should be picking up any piece of trash they see aboard the Station," he stated.

The specially marked pieces of trash could be anywhere on the Station.

"It can be outside your work area around the parking lot, it can be on the sidewalk, it might even be on your drive way!" Dwyer said.

The intent of the "trash/liberty hunt" is to motivate Marines aboard the Station to pick up trash as they see it.

"Those who find the liberty passes will be able to say that picking up trash actually pays off," Dwyer added.

How's that for incentive?

Civilians conduct highway clean-up

As part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, Douglass Jordan and approximately 15 other civilians from the Air Station devoted Oct. 11 to cleaning a portion of highway 17 from the Air Station's rear gate to Camp Geiger's old entrance.



Cpl. Andrew W. Miller

Service station undergoes renovation



Cpl. Juan Vara

William Edems and Charles Cannon, construction workers, add finishing touches to the base of a pump island at the Station's service station.

Marine recognized for volunteerism



Cpl. Juan Vara

Lieutenant Colonel Antonio J. Cerrillo, Naval Air Maintenance Training Marine Unit New River commanding officer, Eddie Cameron, Take A Kid Fishing Foundation representative, and Staff Sgt. Marcos A. Rubio, foundation participant, pose for a photo, Oct. 8, after Cameron presented Rubio with a token of appreciation.

Is smallpox threatening

Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas
correspondent

The past year has shown disturbing evidence of terrorists using unconventional methods to attack the United States. Employing commercial airliners as missiles and anthrax in the postal system has led to more stringent precautionary security measures.

The "eyes of the nation" are now open to the possibility of other more unconventional methods of attack. One being looked at now is the possible threat of smallpox as a biological warfare agent.

It is said "knowledge is power," and one of the ways of combating this threat is educating Americans about the disease that the World Health Organization officially eradicated in 1980.

"Smallpox is a viral infection that starts with flu-like symptoms," said Chief Hospital Corpsman (Fleet Marine Force) Arthur M. Taylor, Station Branch Medical Clinic administration chief. "One of the big things you will get with smallpox is a rash starting around the face, armpits and chest area and moving down the body."

The rash starts as red spots, then evolves into deep blisters embedded into the skin. Around day 14, the sores start to crust over and scabs similar to chickenpox form.

According to the US Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan, patients with



internet photo

smallpox are most contagious during the first week of the rash, when sores develop in the mouth. The sores release the virus into the saliva, which in turn is spread when the infected person breathes, talks, laughs or coughs. The virus can also be spread through contact with contaminated clothing or bedding.

Patients are no longer contagious after all of the scabs have fallen off. This occurs approximately three to four weeks after the start of the rash.

The vaccination, introduced by Edward Jenner in 1796, effectively drops the fatality rate to three percent versus the 30 percent fatality rate for those unvaccinated.

The vaccination is not a shot, rather a series of rapid "jabs" into the skin. Within the week, a sore should appear, crust over and scab. If the single lesion doesn't develop within three to six days the vaccination did not work and should be repeated.

Smallpox is a highly contagious disease that was first recorded 3,000 years ago in Egypt. Since then, massive smallpox epidemics have swept across Asia and Europe killing and disfiguring hundreds of millions.

In 1952, Dr. Donald A. Henderson, an epidemiologist leading the Smallpox Eradication Unit, set out to eradicate the disease that had killed an estimated 300 million people in the twentieth century.

The last known case in the world occurred in Somalia in 1977.

Smallpox also has a history of being used as a biological warfare agent. On at least one known occasion, infected blankets taken from smallpox victims were presented to the Native Americans as gifts by the British during the French and Indian War.

With the scientific knowledge and vaccinations present today, the threat of smallpox would be more of a nuisance factor than the high death tolls of the past.

At present, the smallpox vaccine has not been implemented as a mandatory vaccine for deployed forces, however, more research is being conducted to determine its necessity.

MCCS raffles Super Bowl XXXVII tickets

Bryan Driver
Headquarters Marine Corps

MCB QUANTICO, Va. -- This fall, MCCS clubs and restaurants across the Corps will be sponsoring the MCCS Super Bowl Bash in an effort to get Marines into MCCS facilities for a little fun, camaraderie, and football.

From October 14 to December 12, any time you patronize an MCCS Club or restaurant, you will be eligible to enter into a raffle for a chance to win the Grand Prize - a six day/five night, all expense paid trip for two to San Diego, CA, to attend Super Bowl XXXVII, valued at over \$7000. The Grand Prize winner will also receive two tickets to Disneyland, Sea World - Swim with the Dolphins, San Diego Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Hornblower Dinner Cruise, and \$500 spending money. The Second Place Prize will be \$1,000 and merchandise, and the Third Place Prize will be \$500 and merchandise.

Each installation will consolidate raffle entries and hold a drawing for installation first, second and third place winners on Dec. 13, 2002. These winners will receive MCCS gift certificates and merchandise. The installation First Place Winner will be entered in the raffle for the top three prizes, including the Grand Prize trip to Super Bowl XXXVII. The Grand Prize Raffle will be held on Dec. 20, 2002, at HQMC, Personal and Family Readiness Division, aboard MCB Quantico, VA. The winning ticket is scheduled to be drawn by Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sgt. MAJ. Alford L. McMichael.

Authorized patrons can obtain entry forms at Officers, Staff NCO, Enlisted, or Consolidated Clubs, and MCCS operated base restaurants. On bases that do not have an enlisted club, raffle tickets will be available in the recreational center where enlisted personnel gather. It is the responsibility of the patron to completely and legibly complete and return entry tickets in time for the drawing.

Illegible or incomplete entries and those submitted by unauthorized patrons are null and void. No purchase is necessary to enter in the raffle and prizes are not redeemable for cash.

For more information, call 449-0589.

GI Bill gets 12.5 percent increase

Lance Cpl. Jeremy M. Vought
MCB Camp Pendleton

MCB CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. -- Service members who receive the Montgomery GI Bill now get an extra \$100 in their monthly education benefit.

According to U.S. Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey, the raise is 12.5 percent and increases the monthly allowance from \$800 to \$900.

The raise is the second of three scheduled benefit bumps. In 2001, Congress approved the Veterans Education and Benefits Expansion Act. The act authorized three increases to the Montgomery GI Bill program. The hikes eventually will raise the lifetime benefit by 46 percent from \$24,192 to \$35,460 on Oct. 1, 2003.

The final increase will raise the monthly benefit to \$985. Congress must then approve further increases.

Service members who participate in the program pay \$100 a month for their first 12 months on active duty.

Once separated from the military with a minimum of three years of service, they're eligible for 36 months of educational assistance benefits at qualified institutions, including vocational and other professional training programs.

The monthly benefit can be used for tuition, room and board, books, college fees and other living expenses.

"This raise in the GI Bill is an attempt to recognize what the service member has done for their country," said Patricia A. Jeffress, education service officer at Camp Pendleton's Joint Education Center.

"With our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines embarked upon a war to defend our nation against terrorism, we must ensure that those brave men and women get all the assistance they need to help them in their transition back to civilian life. The GI Bill is and will remain a cornerstone of that effort," said Smith.

For More information call the Education Center at 449-6623.

Threat as great as before 9-11

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- The terrorist threat today is as great as it was in the weeks before the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, CIA Director George Tenet told Congress Oct. 17.

Tenet told the Joint Committee on Intelligence that al Qaeda has reconstituted.

"They are coming after us," he said. "They want to execute attacks. You see it in Bali, you see it in Kuwait. They plan in multiple theaters of operations. They intend to strike this homeland again, and we better get about the business of putting the right structure in place as fast as we can."

Tenet said the Central Intelligence Agency's current evaluation of al Qaeda is based on the number of

attacks around the world and the number of attempts foiled.

"You must make the assumption that al Qaeda is in an execution phase and intends to strike us both here and overseas," he said. "That's unambiguous as far as I am concerned."

Federal Bureau of Investigation Director Robert Mueller and National Security Agency director Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden joined Tenet before the committee. The men answered questions about the changes their agencies have made since the terrorist attacks on the United States.

Mueller told the senators and representatives that the CIA and the FBI are working together better. A valid concern over the year has been that America has treated its domestic intelligence and law enforcement as separate from foreign intelligence, Mueller said.

"In other words, we have a CIA that looks overseas; we have the FBI that looks within the United States," he said. That division worked in the past, he continued, but it doesn't work in countering terrorism, which floods across borders.

"So when we look at the threat against the United States now, we take into account issues such as the bombing in Bali," the director said. "That is significant with regard to the threat within the United States. We did not always do that."

Hayden noted that Tenet "declared war" on al Qaeda in 1998. "There's a big difference between George declaring war on al Qaeda and America declaring war on al Qaeda," he said. He alluded to football in describing that difference.

"Prior to Sept. 11, ... your intelli-

gence community was playing American football with the opposition on the two-yard line, and it was forever first and goal," Hayden said. "They would run a play, and our measure of merit would be if we stopped them from getting into the end zone on that particular play. And if we did, some metaphorical official would take the ball, put it back on the two-yard line, and declare it to be first and 10 again."

"What has changed is that we are delaying, denying, disrupting and destroying portions of the al Qaeda network," he continued. "Prior to Sept. 11, time was infinite for them. It was always on their side. They could take whatever steps they needed to take in order to be secure. They can no longer do that. Things are going bump in their night now, and that puts us at a great advantage. That's the big difference."

Iraq, North Korea 'not identical situations'

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON -- American concerns about Iraq and North Korea are "quite different" and will be dealt with individually, two senior Bush administration officials said Oct. 20.

Officials announced last week that North Korea has admitted to developing nuclear weapons, a direct violation of at least four international agreements and treaties. Iraq has been flouting international sanctions and agreements for more than a decade.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice warned against "cookie cutter foreign policy" on the CBS news program "Face the Nation." She said it would be a mistake to assume the circumstances surrounding the two rogue nations should be treated the same by the international community.

"The cases are both very dangerous, and we're concerned about both," she said.

She detailed how Iraq has thrown out U.N. weapons inspectors, invaded neighboring countries, and used weapons of mass destruction against its own people. "Iraq is in a class by itself," Rice said.

The difference in the two countries' economic situations means

diplomacy still has a chance in North Korea, she said. Iraq's Saddam Hussein has oil revenues to bankroll his programs, while North Korea is in dire financial straits.

North Korea's economic situation can be used as a "lever" to achieve concessions from that country, Secretary of State Colin Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"(North Korea) is a lot stronger militarily," he said, "but it is sitting on a very rotten base with respect to its economy."

Powell described North Korea as a "starving country with a broken economy, a broken society." He said the United States would be working with the international community to put "maximum pressure on North Korea to make the point to them that this is totally inconsistent with trying to improve the lives of (the North Korean) people."

Powell also spoke on Iraq, saying the Bush administration is more concerned about disarmament than the demise of Saddam Hussein's regime.

"All we are interested in is getting rid of those weapons of mass destruction," he said. "We think the Iraqi people would be a lot better off with a different leader, ... but the principal offense here (is the threat of) weapons of mass destruction."

Powell said he is confident the U.N. Security Council will consider a resolution on action against Iraq by "early this week."

He said the resolution must document three things: that Hussein has been in violation of previous U.N. resolutions for many years, that he must allow U.N. weapons inspectors in "a strong new inspection regime" and that there will be consequences if Hussein doesn't comply.

Any U.N. resolution must not hinder the United States' right to act with other like-minded nations if Hussein makes it clear he is not going to cooperate, Powell said.

Powell also explained the current status of the so-called Agreed Framework of 1994, in which North Korea promised the United States it would not develop nuclear weapons.

North Korean representatives said the agreement was nullified when they admitted to developing such weapons, Powell said.

"When you have an agreement and one says it's nullified, it looks like it's nullified," Powell said on the ABC news program "This Week with George Stephanopoulos."

He said the matter is one for "multilateral consideration." U.S. officials will be discussing the issue with leaders of other countries in the region, he said.

Headquarters elements to deploy to Central Command

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON-- Headquarters elements of the Army's V Corps and the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force will deploy to the U.S. Central Command area of operations in the near future, spokesmen of the commands said Oct. 18.

They said the deployments are part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

V Corps, based in Heidelberg, Germany, received the deployment order about six weeks ago, its officials said. The 1st MEF, a Marine Corps equivalent of an Army corps, is loading the sealift ship USNS Bellatrix, which is due to sail from San Diego shortly. Marine officials also declined comment about numbers and itineraries. They said the expeditionary force received the deployment order about a month ago.

"The United States is repositioning some of its military forces where required to support the global war on terrorism and to support efforts to locate and hold accountable terrorists and those who support and harbor them," DoD officials said.

The two headquarters will take part in Central Command's Exercise Internal Look. In November, CENTCOM will deploy a 600-man headquarters to Qatar.

The exercise is slated to run for three weeks.

Osprey program continues to evolve

Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas
correspondent

As the V-22 Osprey program undergoes revamps to ensure the safety and operation capabilities of the aircraft, so does the equipment used to train the Marines involved in all aspects of the Osprey's maintenance.

A ribbon cutting for the Avionics Functional V-22 Trainer aboard Station was held, Oct. 16.

"Today is the acceptance of this training device," said Lt. Col. Ken Fancher, training program manager, V-22 Osprey program. "It is a great day for us, but it is one of many days. When we deliver a training device, we do a traditional ribbon cutting because it reflects a lot of hard work from our Marines and our industry counterparts to bring this [AFVT] to the concrete here at New River."

The AFVT uses a simulated cockpit management system to provide an interactive training environment for V-22 Osprey maintenance personnel. The training system will provide interactive environments for performing operational checks and troubleshooting. Compared to past V-22 Osprey training, training with the AFVT will be more refined and advanced.

"Training systems generally evolve with the aircraft," said Fancher. "One thing we have had, unfortunately, is an increased time span to generate maturity of our training systems. When we cut that ribbon on the new schoolhouse you're going to see a very mature training system that we've shaken down and optimized. It's at maximum effectiveness."

"We've seen struggles and we've seen setbacks, but now the program is moving forward," said Air



Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas

The ribbon cutting for the Avionics Functional V-22 Trainer was Oct. 16.

Force Tech. Sgt. Robert Beeton, 36th Training Squadron, Operating Location B. "We're looking to open the schoolhouse soon and get the first batch of instructors through."

The AFVT will benefit both the Marine Corps and the Air Force.

"The Air Force is buying only 50 of these aircraft while the Marine Corps is slated to get around 360 aircraft," said Beeton. "These training devices are very expensive, and anytime we can share resources it can be cost saving to the military."

"This is quite an acquisition accomplishment," said Fancher. "These guys delivered [the training system] ahead of schedule by three months, under budget and they've exceeded our performance requirements."

November 2003 is when the expected 'Block A' V-22 Osprey are expected to arrive aboard Station. 'Block A' is the indicator for the aircraft that have had all of the safety modifications made to them.

"That is what this facility is for, to train Marines supporting the V-22s 'return to flight,'" said Fancher.

Young Presidents' Organization members visit New River

Cpl. Juan Vara
correspondent

Members of the Chicago-Windy City chapter of the Young Presidents' Organization, accompanied by Navy Capt. Bruce A. Cole, director of the Navy Office of Information in the Midwest region, visited MCAS New River, Oct. 8.

As part of an informational visit, 23 businessmen and women toured the Station, and visited Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 and the Naval Air Maintenance Training Marine Unit's V-22 maintenance training unit.

The Young Presidents' Organization creates better top executives through education and idea exchange worldwide. Ray Hickok,

who at age 28 became president of Hickok Belts, following the death of his father, faced unusual problems that older presidents did not understand. He founded the organization in 1950 after he began meeting with other young men in similar situations and conceived the idea of an organization for young chief executive officers.

Today, the organization has special alliances with Harvard Business School,

the Institute Européen d'Administration des Affaires, the Kellogg School of Northwestern University, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Among members of the organization are former and current members of the U.S. Congress.

During their visit to New River,

Col. Richard H. Dunnivan, VMMT-204 commanding officer, briefed the group on the squadron's mission and the capabilities of the V-22 Osprey, the Corps' newest aircraft.

After the brief, the businessmen and women were escorted to NAMTRAMAR's V-22 MTU, where Gunnery Sgt. Dean Manning, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of instructors' systems development, explained the latest methods and techniques in teaching new generations of aircraft mechanics.

"I was struck by how current the Corps is on its training, particularly the Osprey and the training methods they use," said Ralph W. Gidwitz, managing partner of Financial Capital, a limited liability company from Chicago.

The information received during the Young Presidents visit will be passed on to business and community leaders during YPO seminars.



Cpl. Juan Vara

Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. Schott, executive officer, VMMT-204, talks to members of the Young Presidents' Organization about the V-22 Osprey during their visit to the squadron.

ON AVERAGE,
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It's time to change ...

True 'Patriot' spirit

**Story and photos by
Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas**
correspondent

On Oct. 11, the Marines of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 came together in the spirit of camaraderie and competition for a field meet at the Station Marina.

Officers and enlisted participated in the various events building the teamwork of the squadron.

"It was a chance to show the Marines in the squadron appreciation for all of the hard work they do," said Staff Sgt. Scott Keiweg, MALS-26 noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the consumable management division. "It gave the Marines time off for doing a good job and a break from the wear and tear of the normal day."

Teams were set up for flag football, basketball, volleyball, dizzy izzy, 5-legged race, tug-o-war and a push-up competition. The last event, a relay, was cancelled due to rain.

The winners of flag football were the supply and headquarters group, who also won basketball. Winning the push-up competition and the 5-legged race was the avionics and individual material readiness list group. Winning volleyball and tug-o-war was the power plants, airframes and ordnance group. The group comprised of production control, ground supply equipment and maintenance administration won the dizzy izzy.

MALS-26 holds a field meet at least twice a year.



(Top) Lieutenant Colonel Dan Batt, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 commanding officer, participated in the field meet dizzy izzy.



(Right) Staff Sergeant Terry L. Adkins, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 consumable management division, participated in the push-up competition.



The combined team of supply and headquarters won the Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 field meet basketball tournament, Oct. 11.



(Left) The supply and headquarters team took home a win on the field meet flag football tournament.

Marines reaffirm commitment to Corps



Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas

Seventeen Marines from Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 re-enlisted at a formation held before the MALS-26 field meet, Oct. 11.



Cpl. Juan Vara

Colonel Melvin T. Spiese, commanding officer, Camp Geiger, shook hands with 12 Marines who re-enlisted at the library of the Advanced Infantry Training Company, Oct. 10. Since Oct. 1, 14 Camp Geiger Marines had re-enlisted prior to the ceremony.

V-22 gets VIP attention



Cpl. Juan Vara

Major Paul J. Rock, maintenance officer, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204, explains some of the capabilities of the V-22 Osprey to Maj. Gen. David M. Mize, commanding general, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, and distinguished visitors from New Orleans, Frank and Paulette Stewart, and Dr. Morrison and Brenda Bethea.

Osprey's new home



Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas

Colonel Dan Schultz, Program Manager for Acquisition-275, V-22 Osprey program, spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony, Oct. 9, for the V-22 Osprey controlled humidity preservation facility aboard New River.

'Golden Eagles' hit 10,000 with 'Lucky 13'

Lance Cpl. Misty D. Salinas
correspondent

Aircraft 13, CH-46E Sea Knight helicopter with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162, surpassed 10,000 flight hours while at the Weapons and Tactics Instructor course at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 8

"There are only a handful of the E models [CH-46E Sea Knight] that have gone over 10,000 flight hours," said 1st Lt. Joshua Smith, HMM-162 squadron spokesperson. "For every flight hour the aircraft is in the air, it requires 33.5 hours of maintenance."

"The Marines that work on this aircraft have kept the aircraft flying 33 years and are very proud of '13' reaching the 10,000 mark," said Lt. Col. Robert F. Hedelund, HMM-162 commanding officer. "The '46' is not the most glamorous helicopter, but it does its job everyday and doesn't ask for a lot fanfare."

The aircraft, known by the squadron as 'Lucky 13,' was manufactured and accepted by Naval Air Systems Command, July 30, 1969. On Aug. 27, 1980, the aircraft was upgraded to the CH-46E Sea Knight.

Since the 'birth' of the aircraft, it has been with six commands. The aircraft was part of Marine Medium Helicopter Training Squadron-302 from



Lance Cpl. G. Lane Miley

The 'Golden Eagles' of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 gather in front of 'Lucky 13,' which hit 10,000 mishap-free flight hours while at Combined Arms Exercise 10/02.

1969-1972, moved to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron-301 in 1972-1980 and then to HMM-266 in 1983-1985. The aircraft joined HMM-365 from 1985-1986 and moved to HMM-263 in 1986-1992. 'Lucky 13' has been a part of MCAS New River's HMM-162 since 1992.

Since joining the "Golden Eagles," the aircraft has participated in numerous operations. In 1993, the aircraft was involved in Operation Provide Promise and Operation Deny Flight in Croatia and Operation

Restore Hope in Somalia. The aircraft was in Liberia in 1996 as part of Operation Assured Response. In 1998, the aircraft was part of the reinforcement mission to the US Embassy in Tirana, Albania. The same year the aircraft participated in Operation Autumn Shelter in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Operation Silver Knight in Albania and Operation Balkan Calm in Kosovo.

"It [Lucky 13] does its job day-in and day-out without a whimper," said Hedelund.

MAG 26 demonstrates material readiness with 31 aircraft fly-over



Cpl. Juan Vara

To say thanks for the hard work of all personnel in Marine Aircraft Group 26, several of the Group squadrons flew 31 helicopters, Oct. 17, demonstrating the Group's aircraft material readiness.



Holiday Cheer Food Drive



The New River Chaplain's Office is collecting food donations for Holiday Cheer.

Any and all food donations are greatly appreciated!

Donations need to be non-perishable food items.

The following is a list of suggested items:

*cream of mushroom soup, green beans, corn, cranberry sauce, yams, gravy, pie filling,
boxed pie crust mix, instant potatoes, stuffing, cornbread mix, biscuit mix, turkey tins*



ACE Marines show versatility in Kosovo

Cpl. Jeff Sisto
24th MEU

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo -- As the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) continues its mission in Kosovo, it is clear that the function of the Aviation Combat Element plays a vital role in ensuring its success. Tasked with



Cpl. Jeff Sisto

Corporal Christopher Rounsaville, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 crew chief, loads a .50 caliber machine gun onto a CH-46E during a casualty evacuation training mission. The squadron is deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable).

Cpl. Jeff Sisto

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Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 supported 2nd Platoon, Company E, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Bn., 2nd Marines, during fast-rope training at the BLT's administration and logistics center in Dragas, Kosovo.

numerous responsibilities, the ACE demonstrates enormous versatility in the daily operations of a forward-deployed Marine Air-Ground Task Force.

Throughout the 24th MEU (SOC)'s participation in Operation Dynamic Response 2002, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263 has been a central component in a variety of assignments, ranging from troop lifts to aerial observation. With a number of each type of helicopter available, the ACE can support just about any task the MEU must perform in Kosovo.

"We support the MEU with rides, re-supplies, visual and if necessary, armored reconnaissance," said Maj. Jon Jacobs, operations officer and CH-46 Sea Knight pilot, from Gainesville, Fla. "We are constantly searching the borders making sure there is no illegal border crossing."

If some illegal activity is spotted, the pilots can coordinate with Battalion Landing Team members about specific positions and possible detaining measures.

One highlight of the ACE's work is the practice of a routine casualty evacuation aircraft which visits each camp that the MEU is occupying while in Kosovo. Every day, a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter leaves Camp Bondsteel and touches down at Prizren, Casablanca, the Administration and Logistics Center (ALOC) in Dragas, Globohill, and Camp Scorpion in case there are any injured personnel that need to be evac-

uated for medical treatment.

"If we have guys up in the mountains that have hypothermia, broken legs, or any other injury that needs medical attention, we can take them to the Prizren medical facility faster than any vehicle can get to them," said Capt. Douglass Thumm, CH-46 pilot, from Jacksonville, N.C.

"The corpsmen we have with the ACE are trained to be able to give IVs or attend to the injury inside the aircraft enroute to the hospital," said Thumm.

Although there have been no injuries that require the casualty evacuation flight thus far, the ACE Marines continue to train for it.

"We have done one 'cherry picker' (a type and casualty evacuation) with Golf Co.," said Lance Cpl. Joseph Willis, CH-46 crew chief, from Bogalusa, La.

"Our main job is to assist the pilots with the landing zone, but we also help in getting the victim on board and fastened securely," he added.

Once the casualty evacuation route is finished, the pilots and crew ground the aircraft at Camp Aloc for the night where they are refueled. They return to the ACE headquarters at Camp Bondsteel the next day after being relieved by a new aircraft and fresh crew.

In addition, the ACE has participated in Helicopter Support Team (HST) training in which they fasten any type of cargo to the aircraft and lift it to another location. This can be anything from a water bull to underground piping.

These feats have been accomplished during adverse weather conditions and over mountainous terrain, underlining the ACE's dedication and versatility.

"We monitor the visibility and cloud ceiling very carefully, especially in these mountains," said Jacobs. "But we can fly in the rain to accomplish our mission."

Refueling mission in Kosovo



Lance Cpl. Alexander Whitney

A CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) gets refueled by a KC-130 Hercules in the skies over Southern Kosovo during Operation Dynamic Response 2002.

Gunnersy Sgt. Mike Dougherty

DECIMOMANNU, Italy -- Maintenance, ordnance and avionics technicians of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 Harrier detachment forged strong alliances with their Italian counterparts of the Gruppo Aerei Imbarcati, and benefited from additional support from U.S. Air Force aviation craftsmen during their 12-day stay here.

Mechanics of the Italian "Gruppaer," Italy's only Harrier squadron, and those of HMM-263's Harrier detachment worked side-by-side, sharing a hangar, equipment and knowledge with technicians from the Air Force's 555th Fighter Squadron from Aviano, Italy.

While the Harrier detachment of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) brought six jets and more than 60 technicians, the Gruppaer, based in Grottiglie, Italy, deployed to Sardinia with 10 jets and 40 mechanics. "We're doing what we can to help them when their resources fall short; sharing tools, equipment, information, etcetera," said Sgt. Josh Guell, a powerline crew supervisor with the MEU. "They have the same maintenance complaints we have," The pipeline of support flowed freely in both directions. The Gruppaer provided Marines with much needed

ground support equipment, according to Lance Cpl. Shaun Hessen, a flight-line mechanic. The Italian squadron provided a tow tractor for moving planes, a nitrogen cart for servicing hydraulic systems and a 17-ton jack to lift additional aircraft, he said.

Some of the biggest winners in the mutually beneficial arrangement established here were the ordnance technicians from both squadrons. The Gruppaer has four ordnance technicians, the MEU detachment, 14, said Sgt. Shawn DiMauro, an ordnance technician. "They put in some long hours - it's amazing how few people they have keeping the squadron up."

What the Italian ordnance techs lacked in personnel, they made up for in combat experience and knowledge, however. Most of them developed real-world skills in Operation Enduring Freedom over Afghanistan, according to Master Chief. Giuseppe Ciriello, the squadron's ordnance/maintenance chief.

The deployment here resulted in reunions for a few of the technicians. Like the Gruppaer's pilots, their mechanics train at Fixed Wing Marine Attack Training Squadron-203 in Cherry Point, N.C. According to Sgt. Brian Nelson, avionics night supervisor, two of the Gruppaer's mechanics actually did their on-the-job training in his shop. Sgt. Sebastiano Canella was one of them, and he was familiar with many

of the detachment's Marines and was glad to be able to work with them again, he said.

Airmen of the 31st Maintenance Squadron, working in support of the 555th "Triple Nickel" (F-16 Viper) Fighter Squadron pitched in to help the Marines and the Italians streamline their maintenance procedures. One of the biggest consumers of maintenance man-hours can be the testing of oil samples gleaned from the aircraft's engines. This procedure involves shooting light through an engine oil sample to determine if there are any microscopic metal particles present. "That can tell us if there's anything coming apart in the engine," according to Lance Cpl. John Lafferty, an airframes technician.

On the previous detachment to Rota, Spain, Marines were required to make a daily four-hour round trip to a laboratory to submit samples for testing. Here it's just a matter of walking across the hangar, where the Air Force can conduct the test in minutes. Air Force Staff Sgt. Jeff Flambard, a non-destructive inspection craftsman, said he's glad to be of assistance to his Harrier counterparts from both countries.

"On this island, we've got everything we need to train pilots and fix planes, but one of the best things we have here is each other's help when we need it," he said.



Gunnersy Sgt. Mike Dougherty

Sergeant Maurizio Melo, right, a powerplant technician with the Gruppo Aerei Imbarcati, discusses maintenance procedures with a pilot from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263.

Story and photos by Sgt. Zachary A. Bathon

PRIZREN, Kosovo -- On a rainy October afternoon, Marines and Sailors from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) gathered together to celebrate the Navy's 227th Birthday.

During the ceremony, Commanding Officer, Col. Richard Mills, told the Marines some significant points in the Navy's history followed by the reading of the Navy Birthday Message by Sgt. Maj. Donnie R. Barrett.

Lieutenant Commander Jose F. Troche, 24th MEU(SOC) surgeon, cut the birthday cake passing out pieces to the youngest and oldest sailors present. The Marines then congratulated their Navy brothers and had some birthday cake.



Navy celebrates 227 years

(Left) Lieutenant Commander Jose F. Troche cuts the birthday cake before handing pieces to the youngest and oldest Sailors present during the celebration.

(Right) Sailors share their cake with the Marines of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) during the birthday celebration in Kosovo.



Turn out the lights before the party is over

New energy monitors tasked with plugging energy leaks

Master Sgt. Tim Shearer
Public Affairs Chief

Marines and families have been asked for years to conserve energy, but the request has not been addressed seriously as Corps facilities and housing areas in Jacksonville are racking up more than \$2 million a month in power bills.

"Energy conservation has become a skyline item," said CWO-5 William Lewis, special projects officer for the Station logistics section. "This year, a million dollars worth of training funds have been redirected to meet anticipated energy use. That's big money and a sign of things to come."

To put this into perspective, a million dollars would fund an entire combined arms exercise at Twentynine Palms, Calif. That much money could also be used to pay the salaries of about 100 lance corporals or build 20 new base housing units.

"Basically, with that money reallocated, someone didn't get to train, didn't get to shoot or didn't get to fly," said Lewis.

To address this situation before it becomes a crisis, a new program of assigning building energy monitors to each facility aboard the Air Station has been instituted. The monitors will be responsible for evaluating how energy is being wasted and find ways to plug the holes. These recently assigned energy monitors met last week to get a brief on their duties and find out what resources are out there to help them.

"Twenty-five percent of the money the Marine Corps spends on energy is right here at Camp Lejeune and New River," said Jerry Rowlands, an energy resource specialist from Camp Lejeune. "To put this into perspective, there was one hour in August that we spent \$35,000 on energy."

The concept of one hour becomes important as energy costs fluctuate with demands and supplies. When it gets hot in August and air conditioners are pumping around the county, the supply of energy drops and the cost can triple.

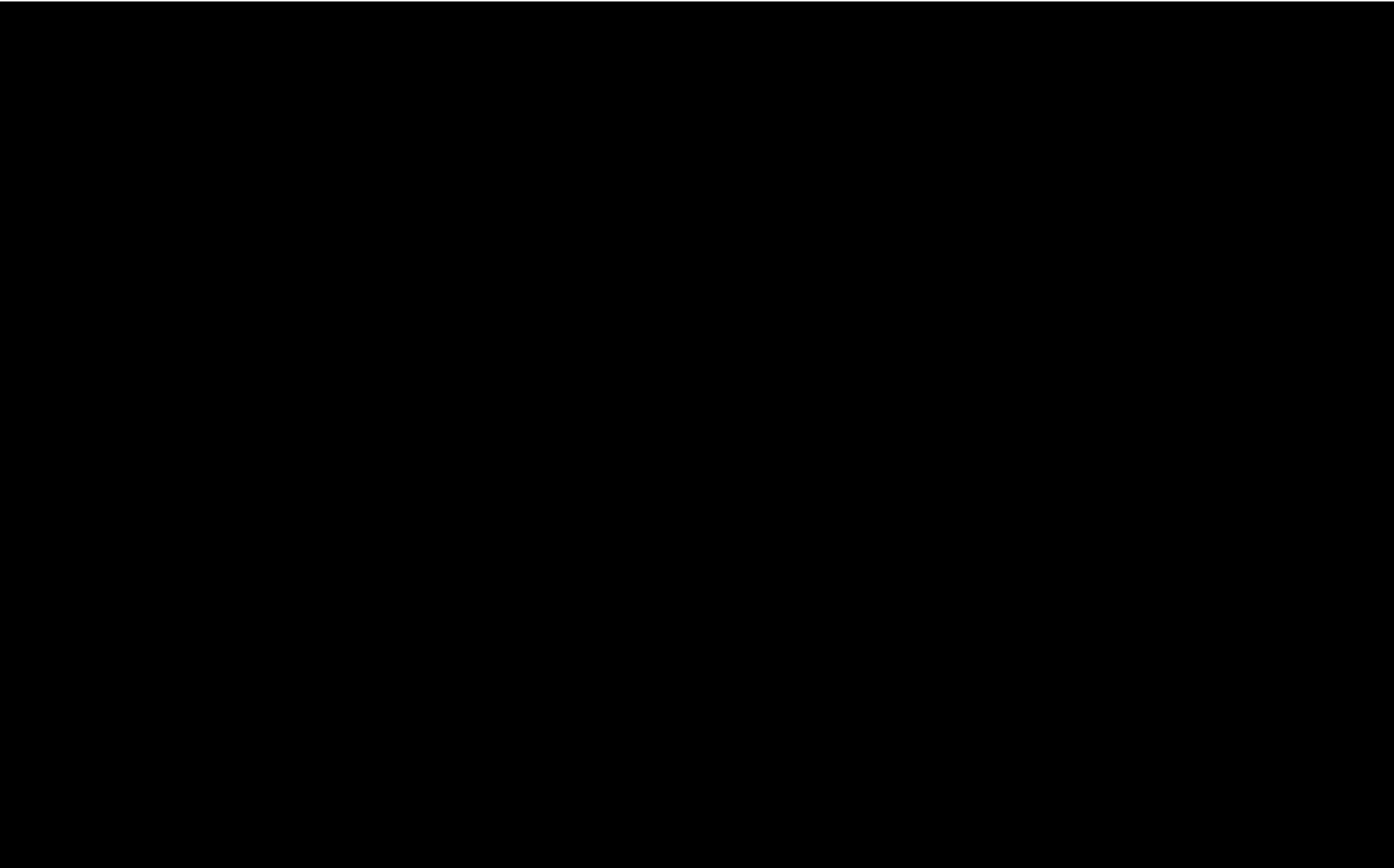
"Most people have seen the energy alerts we send out," said Rowlands. "We send those out when the price of energy is peaking. That is a time when con-

servation is crucial and taking them serious can save us thousands of dollars."

These energy alerts aren't isolated to summer. Winter heating demands and hot water consumption can lead to alerts being issued year around and exemplify the need to think about all areas of energy consumption. The new energy monitors are being trained to respond when the need arises.

Most people have heard the requests to turn off lights and keep thermostats set at the proper level, and the response is generally that one little light doesn't make a difference. When the enormity of the Jacksonville Marine presence is taken into consideration, the combined efforts of the majority can have a dramatic impact. The energy monitor program will ensure there is a daily, familiar presence in all facilities helping remind people to conserve a little.

"These Marines need the support of all people up and down the chain of command," said Lewis. "When they make recommendations or ask people to do something, we all need to take it serious and help."



Awards and Promotions

Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26

Certificates of Commendation:

Sgt. L.E. Cruz
Sgt. Y. Jones
Sgt. R. Davis
Sgt. S.E. Cunningham
Sgt. R.A. Gareau
Cpl. J.R. Shirk
Cpl. L.V. Violet
Cpl. M.B. Fisher
Cpl. A.I. Vazquez
Cpl. J.R. Swain
Cpl. C.A. Shoemaker
Cpl. M. Lobato
Cpl. G.M. Escalante
Cpl. N.T. Drenth
Lance Cpl. M.E. Holloway

Lance Cpl. J.M. Lankford
Lance Cpl. J.J. Swartzentruber

Letters of Appreciation:

Cpl. C.A. Page
Lance Cpl. M.T. Manfredi
Lance Cpl. B.L. Beaufort

School of Infantry

Bravo Company, ITB

Honorman: Pfc. K. Washington

Meritorious Promotions:

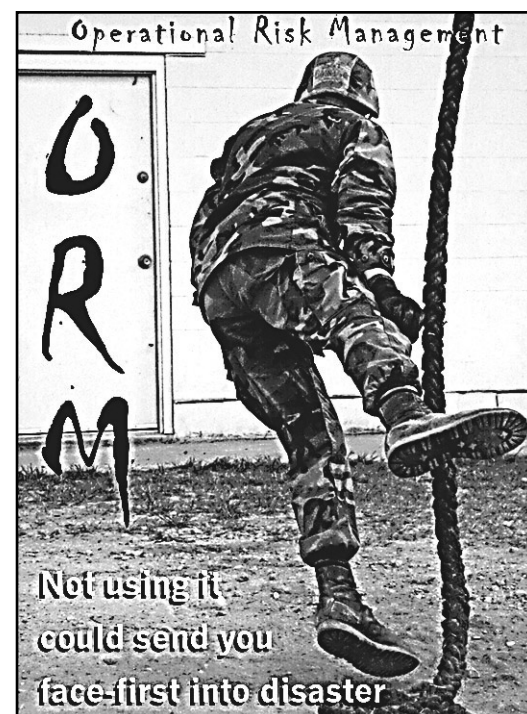
Lance Cpl. S.K. Augustine
Lance Cpl. G.B. Cobb
Pfc. M.H. Feske
Pfc. B.J. Horne

Hotel Company, MCT Battalion

Honorman: Pfc. T. Williams

Meritorious Promotions:

Lance Cpl. P. Clayburn
Pfc. M.A. Higgins
Pfc. T.A. Tupps
Pfc. L.A. Vega
Pfc. C. Conroy
Pfc. D. Edwards
Pfc. P. Harrison
Pfc. L. Hunter III
Pfc. D. Gilliams
Pfc. A. Fofanah
Pfc. R. Vansteel
Pfc. J. Winters



'Marine For Life' assists transitioning Marines

Sgt. Chet Decker
Marine Forces Atlantic

MARINE FORCES ATLANTIC NORFOLK, Va. -- There is no such thing as an ex-Marine. There are only Marines, say Marines of all ages. Marines leaving the Corps' active ranks are expected to carry values that defined them as Marines - values such as honor, discipline and courage.

It's those qualities that employers often seek in future employees. Employers looking to hire one of the few and the proud who may be looking for a job now have assistance. The "Marine for Life" program helps arrange the meeting and gives Marines departing the service a head start in the often-stressful job search.

"The Marine for Life program will build, develop and nurture a nation-

wide web-based network," reads the Marine for Life mission statement.

It continues, "The end result will be a nationwide Marine and Marine-friendly network available to all Marines honorably leaving active service. The Marine for Life program will provide valued assistance to transitioning Marines when, and before, they arrive at their chosen hometowns and return to civilian life."

The program, promoted and encouraged by Gen. James L. Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps, is up and running and has links in nearly all 50 states to assist the more than 27,000 Marines who leave the Corps each year honorably to return to civilian life and pursue other interests. In addition to employment networking, Marine For Life offers education, housing, family assistance and commu-

nity information.

"We make a significant investment in our Marines. We need to keep the best of them," said Jones. "For those who choose to leave duty, we can improve assistance in their transition to civilian life while reemphasizing the value of an Honorable Discharge."

Retired Marine Col. Bob Nunnally runs the day-to-day operations of Hardesty Roofing, in Midlothian, Va. Sam Hardesty, the company's president and owner, hired Nunnally and is always on the lookout for Marines leaving the Corps.

"I want honest, hardworking, dedicated and devoted people willing to work hard for their pay and represent this company in a professional manner that will provide customer satisfaction and word of mouth advertisements," said Hardesty. "I know that Marines

are those type of people."

Retired Gunnery Sgt. Kerry Williams, who left the Marine Corps in 2001, feels Marine For Life can ease the transition from camouflage utilities to civilian clothes.

"I think the more information that can be made available to us, the better," said Williams, who now works for U.S. Joint Forces Command. "Even though we're retired, we're still Marines; we don't lose that title. Employers are looking for experience, reliability and all the intangibles that make a person successful."

Marines transitioning into civilian life are encouraged to explore the Marine For Life program by visiting www.MarineForLife.com.

Employers interested in learning more about the program are invited to visit the website as well.

First Lady rallies military personnel around Troops to Teachers program

Brett Turner
Special to the American Forces Press Service

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio -- The birthplace of aviation became a launching pad for new career possibilities Oct. 16 as first lady Laura Bush spoke here about the Defense Department's Troops to Teachers program.

During the rally, the first lady recognized educators and the potential roles departing military personnel can play in education. About 1,300 people attended, including base, local and state leaders; members of Congress; and Troops to Teachers participants and their students.

As a former teacher, Bush's enthusiasm for the program was evident. "Our children are the future," she told the crowd. "Ensuring that they have the best education possible and the chance to realize their dreams is our greatest obligation.

"As soldiers, you pledged yourself to duty, honor and country -- and your service will never be forgotten," she continued. "Today, I ask you to pledge yourselves to our children, the future of this country. I ask our retiring men and women to answer a new call -- the call to teach."

The Troops to Teachers program assists select people who want to begin a career in public education upon departing the military. It began in 1994, and nearly 4,000 veterans have been hired into the nation's schools since. Last January, the program was authorized to continue for five more years through the No Child Left Behind Act.

Teachers Eusebio Bretado Jr. of El Paso, Texas, William Byrd of Madison, Ala., and Michael Glaze of Beaufort, S.C., were cited as successful examples of Troops to Teachers participants. Each received

awards at the rally for excellence in teaching.

Two teachers in nearby Dayton, Ohio, Greg Powell and Melvin Early, are Air Force retirees who left Wright-Patterson and went into Troops to Teachers. They are the types of role models being sought for the program, Bush said. And Wright-Patterson has no shortage of them.

"Members of the military have always been tremendous role models. You possess the greatest in character, commitment and resolve. And today, our children need those qualities more than ever," she said.

In an interview with a base newspaper reporter, Bush said Wright-Patterson was an easy choice for the presentation.

"We really wanted to be here at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for this event," she said. "Today, we heard some really wonderful stories about teachers in the Ohio area. We really picked Ohio today because of Wright-Patt."

Teaching may not be for everyone, Bush said. It can be trying and takes patience. Those who think it's about having summers and holidays off could be surprised, she said.

"I think really good teachers are people who know that they really want to help people," she said. "And if you know you want to help people and work well with people, that's what teaching's all about. And I think you can probably become a pretty good teacher."

Besides her advocacy of Troops to Teachers, Bush is heavily involved in promoting several educational and reading programs around the country. She taught second-, third- and fourth-graders in Texas and said she missed the work. She also admitted it wasn't always easy, but few professions were as rewarding



Spencer P. Lane

First Lady Laura Bush speaks to Air Force members about the defense department's Troops to Teachers program. The Oct. 16 rally drew 1,300 spectators.

as teaching when you succeed.

"Those years were very satisfying," she said. "Teaching might be very difficult, but there's also never a boring moment when you have 20 little kids around you all the time."

Best photographers to capture armed forces

Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON D.C., -- On Oct. 22, top military and civilian photographers will capture 24 hours in the U.S. armed forces at sites throughout the United States and across the globe.

Navy Petty Officer 1st class Ted Banks will work in Korea. Navy Petty Officer 2nd class Jennifer Smith will work in Spain. Air Force Staff Sgt. Andy Dunaway will work in Bosnia. Army National Guard Capt. Chuck Mussi will be with the Special Forces in Afghanistan.

Their work that day will be compiled with images taken by about 25 other military photographers and 90 civilian photographers.

The result will be "A Day in the Life of the United States Armed Forces," a coffee-table book to be published in May 2003.

Among the civilian shooters will be 15 Pulitzer Prize winners including Eddie Adams, David Burnett, Al Diaz,

David Hume Kennerly and Larry Price.

The photographers are slated to shoot at about 70 sites in the United States and 55 international sites around the world. ABC News is sending 12 to 15 video crews to document the day, and about 25 military video crews also are slated to film.

Lewis J. Korman and Matthew Naythons, veterans in the entertainment and publishing business, are the book's co-creators and authors. Korman said they anticipate creating "a collection of the most insightful and revealing images from the best photographers in the world."

Naythons said that while the book would capture the routine and heroic operations that safeguard democracy, their goal "is to open a window into the soul of the armed forces -- the personal, human side that is not on display in the evening news."

The goal is to have 125 of the world's most respected photographers working on the project, Naythons said, and the military photographers fit right

in. "They know the territory and they know how to shoot," he said. "And they can get behind the scenes to get the human story in this."

Naythons said that when Defense Department officials showed project officials military photographers' portfolios, "it was very quickly apparent that the military photographers are as good as any civilian photographers working today. There are some great images being produced by the men and women in the armed forces."

HarperCollins Publishers, working with EpiCom Media, acquired the rights to produce the book. HarperCollins officials said the photographers would document the lives of elite units and freshly minted recruits, of cadets, generals, chaplains, medics and military police. They'll photograph service members at desolate outposts, strategic bases and in the cockpits of fighter planes.

Photographers' assignments, company officials said, include searching for soldiers' remains in Vietnam, going

on maneuvers in a nuclear submarine, visiting Colorado's Cheyenne Mountain Command Combat Center and accompanying Marines into the field at Okinawa's Jungle Warfare Training Center.

"This kind of sweeping inside portrait of our armed forces, captured simultaneously around the world has to be unparalleled," said Cathy Hemming, president and publisher of HarperCollins General Books Group. "Cumulatively, these journalists and the book's creative team will provide us with a deeper appreciation and understanding of the men and women serving in the military."

HarperCollins published "A Day of the Life of Australia" in 1982 and "A Day in the Life of America" in 1986. A series of similarly formatted and titled books followed on the Soviet Union in 1987, China in 1989 and Hollywood, 1992.

For more information on the Day in the Life project, go to www.daymilitary.com.

Pfc. Molly, Co. G., pass tests; new Marines move on to future

Sgt. Kimberly S. Leone

MCRD San Diego

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO, Calif. -- The Depot's first and only female recruit, Pfc. Molly, the official Depot mascot, says goodbye to her fellow Co. G recruits today as they graduate recruit training and head home for ten days of boot leave.

The seven-month-old English bulldog, was attached to Platoon 2103, Co. G, for the duration of their recruit training to validate her position aboard the Depot as an official member of the Marine Corps.

"We felt it was important for Molly to go through some of the major aspects of recruit training to validate her consideration as Marine," said Maj. Kimberley J. Miller, director, MCRD Public Affairs. "Every enlisted Marine has to go through recruit training."

As the official mascot for MCRD San Diego, Molly is issued specially made uniforms, a service record book, and an identification card.

She earns promotions based on her contributions to the mission of area recruiters and the Depot Public Affairs Office. Likewise, as with all Marines, the mascot can face the unwelcome prospect of counseling, page 11 entries, even demotions, for failing in her duties or breaking other articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Of course the things Molly can get in trouble for or be recognized for are a little different than the things that get her fellow Marines in trouble or earn them recognition," said Sgt. Charles E. Moore, mas-

cot handler, MCRD Public Affairs. "For example, Molly has been counseled for wandering up to the Commanding General's office and plopping her belly down on the tile in his bathroom. I don't know too many Marines who would get counseled for that."

Not everything the Texas-born pup has done since arriving aboard the Depot has resulted in damp newspapers or counseling sheets.

Molly earned a meritorious promotion to private first class for successfully working in a community relations capacity while balancing training commitments with Co. G.

She took part in several San Diego area pet walks earning the Best Pet Trick award at the 12th Annual Helen Woodward Animal Walk held in Rancho Santa Fe and a red ribbon at the Ramona Animals on Parade event.

"The mascot is expected to be friendly and entertaining," Moore said. "To ensure Molly is comfortable around large groups of strangers and can be trusted not to misbehave we started socializing her as soon as possible. The events she takes part in out in the community are great exposure for the Marine Corps and help Molly improve her mascot skills."

In addition to working on her mascot skills, Molly has been busy during the last few weeks as she accompanied Co. G to Edson Range for their Crucible, stood a battalion commander's inspection, and proudly accepted the Marine Corps emblem during the Eagle, Globe and Anchor Ceremony.

"The goal all along has been to give the new Marines something a little extra to remember from



Cpl. Anthony D. Pike

Taking on the bayonet assault course, Pfc. Matthew L. Lyons, Platoon 2103, Co. G, provides security while Pfc. Molly advances over an obstacle.

boot camp," said 2nd Lt. Beatriz Yarrish, press officer, MCRD Public Affairs, and coordinator for several events involving Molly.

"The drill instructors and other members of Company G have been great sports about having Molly around," said Yarrish. "They considered her involvement a way to boost morale and have a little extra fun during the training process."

As her platoon-mates head to their follow-on training at different schools across the nation, Molly remains aboard the Depot to represent the command as a community relations representative and a goodwill ambassador.

But like her platoon-mates, Molly's training has not ended yet. She is scheduled to attend an advanced tricks class in which she will learn to salute, bow and play dead.



Knowing Your 'Stans'

These are consolidated articles covering the Stans produced by Staff Sgt. Gregory K. Funk. With a history of silk roads and ancient conquerors the Stans' have a unique background, fascinating people and an unclear future



Kyrgyzstan - Considered the most traditional of the Stans, even the Soviet Union's repressive authority could not shake this country's strong roots. Kyrgyzstan also was one of the few Stans that did not plunge into civil war after its independence from the Soviet Union Aug. 31, 1991.

Like most of Central Asia, Kyrgyz are a mix from past empires. Believed to have descended from Mongol, Turkish and other regional tribes, Kyrgyz settled into this region of Central Asia in the 10th century.

With the rise of the Mongol empire, many Kyrgyz migrated south and emerged as a distinct ethnic group

in the 15th century. The Kyrgyz were ruled by various Turkish leaders, and towards the end of the 17th century they fell to Mongol control until the early 1800s.

Like Tajikistan to its south, Kyrgyzstan was incorporated into the Russian Empire in 1876. Many Kyrgyz resisted through numerous revolts while others fled to Afghanistan. But the resistance continued and in 1916 there was a rebellion that was suppressed causing many Kyrgyz to migrate to China.

By 1919 Soviet power was established, and by the end of 1936 it became a socialist republic. Because

of the Soviets, during the 1920s, Kyrgyz saw an improvement and development in education and social life. Even though tensions were constant, under Stalin's rule the Soviets suppressed national culture.

Soviet suppression of culture did not easily penetrate the country's difficult geography. The Epic of Manas, a thousand year-old story about a hero who united the Kyrgyz tribes, survived.

Holding onto their traditions, Kyrgyz changed the name of their capital back to Bishkek, the pre-Soviet name it held meaning five knights.

The new government seemed committed to reform and ratified a constitu-

tion in 1993. But in 1996 a referendum violating the constitution gave the president more power. With new elections held in 2000, they were quickly deemed invalid and failed to be free or fair. Harassment of media and political opponents has intimidated voters, but independent media and opposition survive.

Kyrgyzstan's economy and a third of employment is dependent on agriculture. Many of its resources are inaccessible because of its harsh geography and the economy was severely affected by the Soviet collapse. Kyrgyzstan will be dependent on international loans and assistance for many years to come as their economy slowly recovers.

Tajikistan - Considered the weakest of the "Stans," this "crippled nation" plunged into civil war shortly after independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. The smallest of the Stans, it was one of the poorest republics in the former Soviet Union. Today it remains one of the poorest countries in the world with approximately 80 percent of its population living on \$17 or less a month.

In general, Tajiks descended from an ancient Eastern Iranian line mixed with Mongols, Turkish and possibly Alexander the Great's army. Their republic and history ties back to the Samanid Empire that ruled from 875 to 1000 A.D., and is considered the last Persian-speaking Empire to rule in Central Asia. During the Samanid reign, a revival of the Persian language was supported and cultivated. By doing so, the Tajiks were able to preserve some of their culture, surviving the Arab-Islamic conquests of the 8th century. Tajiks still speak a Persian dialect today.

Tajikistan, like most Central Asian countries was caught up in the Great Game beginning in the 1860s. With the expansion of the Russian empire, the Tajiks

fell under their rule.

Nearly regaining their independence during the Russian Revolution of 1917, the Tajiks were defeated by the Bolsheviks in 1925. Falling under Soviet control, Tajikistan became an independent Soviet Socialist Republic in 1929. The Tajiks did not perceive themselves a separate nationality until the Soviets developed artificial regions, separating and dividing Central Asia into five Soviet Republics.

Gaining independence Sept. 9, 1991 after the Soviet breakup, Tajikistan quickly fell into civil war and chaos that killed approximately 50,000 people. With a breakdown of central authority, the civil war lasted from 1992 to a signing of a power-sharing peace accord in 1997 that was fully implemented in 2000.

With the people's right to choose their government improving, Tajikistan is the only Stan with a religiously affiliated political party in parliament. Political parties seem to be committed to work together and resolve their differences peacefully, even though at times assassinations still occur. Most of

these killings are for revenge or aftermath from the civil war.

Threatening Tajikistan's hard-won peace were refugees fleeing Taliban advances in Northern Afghanistan. Another is the transportation of illegal narcotics through Tajikistan to European markets. Drugs are the main contributing factor to a rise in violent crime and corruption, adding to an economic warp.

With foreign assistance, including more than \$56 million from the United States, the economy and infrastructure are stabilizing. With the country recovering from war and several years of drought, the government is promoting the privatization of industries. This strategy has helped foster economic growth and some political reconciliation. Another hope for Tajikistan is the development of small, private farms, and with continued assistance, crops should double.

Unfortunately, 93 percent of the country is mountainous and it seems most of the 6.6 million people will remain poor with the country dependent on foreign help.



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Marines have integrity

Chaplain J. W. Poole
MAG 29

On one of the arches of a magnificent cathedral in Europe is sculpted into a face of great beauty. Yet it can be seen only once a year when the sun is in a certain position and its rays stream through a small window to illuminate the exquisite carving.

When the cathedral was built, an old man approached the builders and begged permission to work on some portion of the great cathedral. He had been a well-known artist, but now his trembling hands and failing eyesight caused the architect to fear he would mar the beautiful edifice and turned him down. Some days later the old man returned, and again requested permission. This time out of respect for his age and reputation, the architect reluctantly agreed to allow the man to chisel a design under the shadows of the vaulted roof thinking no one would ever see it there.

For months the old man struggled up the scaffolding and worked with hammer and chisel on his back high above the cathedral floor. Because it was such an arduous climb for a man of his age, he would stay up all day and only come down in the evening. When at last he had finished, he insisted on

one last climb just to make a few finishing touches.

When he failed to come down by nightfall, the workers began to worry. Fearing something might have happened; they climbed the ladder only to discover the artist's lifeless body still lying on his back with tools in hand. As they looked up, their eyes beheld the most beautiful sculpture they had ever seen, a piece which has since been deemed a masterpiece by authorities in the field.

Although the builders thought no one would ever see it, each year when the sun in one particular place, its rays stream through a small, high window and illumine this beautiful piece etched in the marble just like a spotlight.

However, the greater miracle rests in the man himself. Although he thought no one would ever see the fruits of his labors, this old artist, out of honest professional pride, personal honor, and a quiet faith, strove to do all things for the glory of God. He gave his best even when he thought no one would be looking.

Integrity is doing well what others may never see. Can you be trusted when you think that no one will ever notice or appreciate the works of your hands?

May your living legacy be one of character, professionalism, and faithfulness.

Core values in Corps

Marion F. Sturkey
MCB Camp Pendleton

MCB HAWAII, KANEOHE BAY, Hawaii -- Honor. Honor requires each Marine to exemplify the ultimate standard in ethical and moral conduct. Honor is many things; honor requires many things.

A U.S. Marine must never lie, never cheat, never steal, but that is not enough. Much more is required.

Each Marine must cling to an uncompromising code of personal integrity, accountable for his actions and holding others accountable for theirs.

And, above all, honor mandates that a Marine never sully the reputation of his Corps.

Courage. Simply stated, courage is honor in action - and more.

Courage is moral strength, the will to heed the inner voice of conscience, the will to do what is right, regardless of the conduct of others.

It is mental discipline, an adherence to a higher standard.

Courage means willingness to take a stand for what is right in spite of adverse consequences.

This courage, throughout the history of the Corps, has sustained Marines during the chaos, perils, and hardships of combat.

And each day, it enables each Marine to look in the mirror - and smile.

Commitment. Commitment is total dedication to Corps and Country. All for one, one for all.

By whatever name or cliché, commitment is a combination of selfless determination and a relentless dedication to excellence.

Marines never give up, never give in, and never willingly accept second best.

Excellence is always the goal.

And, when their active duty days are over, Marines remain reserve Marines, retired Marines, or Marine veterans. There is no such thing as an ex-Marine or former Marine.

Once a Marine, always a Marine. Commitment never dies.

Immense power exists in prayer

Chaplain Ken Lewis
Station

I recently heard someone say something in regards to the discipline of prayer that was pretty profound: "Prayer doesn't change God's will, it brings our wills into agreement with his." Certainly there is a truth in this saying.

There should be a dimension to prayer in which a person of God seeks the mind of the Divine, and seeks to be in agreement and submission to God's will. There is a supplication in the master prayer that asks of our heavenly Father: (May) your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This pattern for prayer from God's Word, teaches us that God has a

plan and a will for those who seek to be about the business of His kingdom.

In regards to my opening statement, I'm not so sure that there aren't times when the prayer of faith may be necessary to show God our readiness to accept His will for our lives.

The examples of the Samaritan woman and the Centurion give us examples of individuals seeking physical healing for their children. In both instances healing occurs. In both instances the Lord is moved by their faith.

Was it already God's plan for the children to be healed? I believe so.

However, they had to ask. God intended that they seek His will and find the faith to believe and trust God for it. It was necessary to ask, to seek, and to

knock. We are told, rather bluntly in scripture, that we sometimes miss the will and blessings that God has for us because we do not ask for them. God does not bless us solely for our own benefit.

God's blessing isn't only for our own enjoyment. Scripture states, in a number of places, that God blesses us as a witness to his power and grace. His blessing upon our lives is a witness to others. So, pray. Seek his will, and ask with faith.

"Oh that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that your hand would be with me, and that you would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain! So God granted him what he requested." I Chronicles 4: 10



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Hispanic-Americans continue to make notable military contributions

Hispanic-American ethnic groups, made up mostly of Puerto Ricans and others with ancestry from Mexico, Central and South America, Cuba and other Caribbean islands, already had distinguished themselves through combat skills and bravery during World War II.

In July 1950, there were about 20,000 Hispanics in the armed forces. Over the next three years, nearly 148,000 Hispanic-Americans volunteered for or were drafted into military service. Of these, approximately 60,000 Puerto Ricans served in Korea.

During the Korean War, most Hispanic-Americans served in the Army and Marine Corps. However, several thousand served in the Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard in both combat and combat service support branches.

Commanders recognized the courage and determination of Hispanic-Americans in combat. Nine Hispanics were awarded the Medal of Honor and more than 100 others received Distinguished Service Crosses and Silver Stars for acts of combat bravery.

Honor et Fidelitas

Honor et Fidelitas, or "Honor and Loyalty," was the motto of the 65th Regimental Combat Team (RCT) from the United States territory of Puerto Rico. During the Korean War, this unit, nicknamed "The Borinqueneers" after

one of the original Indian tribes inhabiting Puerto Rico, quickly won respect on the battlefield. The 65th deployed to Korea in September 1950, with 6,000 officers and men organized into three infantry battalions, one artillery battalion and a tank company. During October and November 1950, the 65th RCT participated in search-and-destroy missions targeting the remnants of North Korean Army units left in South Korea to harass U.S. and Republic of Korea (ROK) forces.



In late November and early December, the unit, now attached to the Army's 3d Division, fought daily against units of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. During Dec. 9-24, the 65th RCT joined the defensive perimeter protecting Hungnam Harbor during X Corps' withdrawal from

North Korea.

During nine major campaigns over three years, the 65th RCT was credited with capturing 2,086 enemy soldiers and killing 5,905. The regiment received one Presidential Unit Citation (Army), one Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), one Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), one Navy Unit Commendation, two Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citations and the Bravery Gold Medal of Greece. Individual members of the unit were awarded four Distinguished Service Crosses and over 120 Silver Stars.

Thirty-nine Hispanic-Americans are among the more than 3,400 Medal of Honor recipients.

Listed below are those recipients who served in the United States Marine Corps.



Emilio A. De La Garza Jr., 1970

Born: Chicago, Ill.
lance corporal, USMC, Company E, 2d Battalion,
1st Marines, 1st Marine Division

Ralph E. Dias, 1969

Born: Shelocta, Ind.
private first class, USMC, 3d Platoon, Company D,
1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein) FMF

Fernando Luis Garcia, 1952

Born: Utuado, Puerto Rico
private first class, USMC, Company I, 3d Battalion,
5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein)

Edward Gomez, 1951

Born: Omaha, Neb.
private first class, USMCR, Company E,
2d Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein)

Harold Gonsalves, 1945

Born: Alameda, Calif.
private first class, USMCR

Alfredo, Gonzalez, 1968

Born: Edinburg, Texas
sergeant, USMC, Company A, 1st Battalion,
1st Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein), FMF

Ambrosio Guillen, 1953

Born: La Junta, Colo.
staff sergeant, USMC, Company F, 2d Battalion,
7th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein)

Jose Francisco Jimenez, 1969

Born: Mexico City, Mexico
lance corporal, USMC, Company K,
3d Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division

Miguel Keith, 1970

Born: San Antonio, Texas
lance corporal, USMC,
Combined Action Platoon 1-3-2, 11 Marine Amphibious Force

Baldomero Lopez, 1950

Born: Tampa, Fla.
first lieutenant, USMC, Company A, 1st Battalion,
5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein)

Eugene Arnold Obregon, 1950

Born: Los Angeles, Calif.
private first class, USMC, Company G, 3d Battalion,
5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Rein)

France Silva, 1901

Born: Haywards, Calif.
private, USMC

M. Sando Vargas Jr., 1968

Born: Winslow, Ariz.
major (then captain), USMC, Company G, 2d Battalion,
4th Marines, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade

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